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DEVELOPMENT INDEX IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the human development index in the eastern States is much less in comparison to the smaller States like Kerala, Chandigarh, Goa etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor

(c) whether this matter was discussed at the last meeting of the North-Eastern Council; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI. TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) The Planning commission have brought out a National Human Development Report in the year 2002.The Report states that at the State level, there are wide disparities in the level of human development. In general, Human Development Index (HDI) is better in small States and Union Territories. The Report further states that the economically less developed States are also the States with low HDI. Similarly, economically better off States are also ones with relatively better performance on HDI.

(c) & (d) The Report was not discussed at the last meeting of the North-Eastern Council.